



National Security Speaker Series

Rand Beers

"The War on Terrorism: Are We Safer Today?"

A look at Afghanistan, Iraq, WMD terrorism, the UN and international coalitions, the US approach to the Islamic World, and Homeland Security and Civil Liberties.

Monday, November 24, 2003
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Room 120

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Rand Beers is a retired senior civil servant with 35 years of government service, most recently as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Combating Terrorism on the NSC staff.

He began his career as a Marine officer and rifle company commander in Vietnam (1964-1968). He entered the Foreign Service in 1971 serving both in Washington and overseas. He transferred to the Civil Service in 1983, while serving in the Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs at the Department of State as a Deputy Office Director and Office Director covering regional political-military problems with a focus on the Middle East and Persian Gulf. He served in four different positions on the NSC Staff at the White House during four different Administrations (1988-1998 and 2002-2003). His functions included counter-terrorism, counter-narcotics, intelligence policy, and peacekeeping. He was also Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (1998-2002). He then began work for the National Security Council, a post from which he retired in March 2003 and retired the following month. He began work for the John Kerry for President campaign in May 2003 as the National Security and Homeland Security Issue Coordinator.

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